

Collection and Remittance of Filing Fees for Nonpartisan Judicial Offices

(Pursuant to Amendment 80 to the Arkansas Constitution and A.C.A. § 7-10-101 et seq.)

“Nonpartisan judicial office” means the offices of Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Court of Appeals, circuit judge, and district judge.

The filing fee for the offices of Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Court of Appeals, and circuit judge shall be made payable to the “Judicial Filing Fee Fund” and paid to the Secretary of State at the time of filing the political practices pledge. The Secretary of State shall remit the filing fees to the Treasurer of State for deposit into the “Judicial Filing Fee Fund.”

The filing fee for district judge shall be made payable to the “Judicial Filing Fee Fund” and paid to the county clerk at the time of filing the political practices pledge. In a district composed of two or more counties, candidates may pay the filing fee to the county clerk of any one of the counties in the district. The county clerk shall remit the filing fees to the State Board of Election Commissioners along with the “District Judge Filing Fee Reconciliation Form”. The State Board of Election Commissioners will remit the filing fees to the Treasurer of State for deposit into the “Judicial Filing Fee Fund.”

Pursuant to the “Rules for Nonpartisan Judicial Office Filing Fees,” the filing fees for nonpartisan judicial offices shall be based upon a percentage of the annual salary established by the General Assembly during Regular sessions for each office for the fiscal year in which the candidate files for office.

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

Pursuant to Act 3 of 2011, the annual salary for fiscal year 2011-2012 for the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is \$156,864.00. The filing fee for a candidate running for the office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in the year 2012 based upon 6% of the annual salary is \$9,412.00.

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court

Pursuant to Act 3 of 2011, the annual salary for fiscal year 2011-2012 for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court is \$145,204.00. The filing fee for a candidate running for the office of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court in the year 2012 based upon 6% of the annual salary is \$8,712.00.

Judge of the Court of Appeals

Pursuant to Act 3 of 2011, the annual salary for fiscal year 2011-2012 for Judge of the Court of Appeals is \$140,732.00. The filing fee for a candidate running for the office of Judge of the Court of Appeals in the year 2012 based upon 5% of the annual salary is \$7,037.00.

Circuit Judge

Pursuant to Act 3 of 2011, the annual salary for fiscal year 2011-2012 for circuit judge is \$136,257.00. The filing fee for a candidate running for the office of circuit judge in the year 2012 based upon 4% of the annual salary is \$5,450.00.

State District Court Judge

Pursuant to Act 3 of 2011, the annual salary for fiscal year 2011-2012 for state district court judge is \$121,816.00. The filing fee for a candidate running for the office of state district court judge in the year 2012 based upon 3% of the annual salary is \$3,654.00.

Local District Court Judge

The filing fee for candidates running for the office of local district court judge in the year 2012 will be based upon 3% of annual salaries as established by A.C.A. § 16-17-108 [Effective January 1, 2012], as amended by Act 1191 of 2011.

If you have any questions, the State Board of Election Commissioners can be reached at:

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